

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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PRESENT: Don Bettine, Jim Haskins, Chair Jack Krueger, John Maino, Duane "Snake" Pierce, Sherry Steenbock, John Walschinski.

EXCUSED: Kristen Verhaagh.

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Polus.

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**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Krueger at 5:22 p.m.

**2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.**

**3. Approve/modify agenda:**

A motion was made by Don Bettine and seconded by John Walschinski to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Approve/modify minutes of July 14, 2009:**

A motion was made by Jim Haskins and seconded by Duane Pierce to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Report from Jerry Polus on final Veterans' Day at the Brown County Fair:**

Jerry Polus, Veterans Service Officer, stated that he spoke with Kathy Kocken, Brown County Fair Board Administrative Assistant and Exhibits Coordinator, today. He stated that he and Jim Haskins will visit the fair grounds to see the location for the Veterans' tent. He reviewed the suggested program:

- Colors would be brought in at 3:00 p.m.;
- Navy Band Horizon would perform for about 10-15 minutes;
- County Executive Tom Hinz would make welcoming comments;
- Navy Band Horizon would perform until about 3:55 p.m.;
- Colors would be retired;
- Prize drawing.

He stated that John Walschinski will decorate the box to be used to collect prize drawing ticket stubs. Chair Krueger stated that he did have the two-part tickets that will be used for the drawing. John Maino will act as MC (Master of Ceremonies) for this event; Mr. Polus will provide an agenda for Mr. Maino's use. Mr. Polus will contact Kathy Kocken and ask her to relay the performance times to the band.

Mr. Polus asked to appear on Mr. Maino's radio program to promote this event on August 14 and August 21. Mr. Maino agreed. Chair Krueger suggested that it might be more effective to have Mr. Polus appear on August 14 and on August 19. Mr. Maino will also make frequent radio announcements and suggested that one of the Navy Band Horizon members appear on his radio program as well. Chair Krueger said the press release will be forwarded to the media on August 12 (attached).

Mr. Polus reported that tickets had been distributed through mailings to the veterans' organizations, the Aging & Disability Resource Center, and from the Brown County Veterans' Service Office. Mr. Bettine stated that since there was no time on the tickets, it would be important to have that information relayed through the advertising. Mr. Polus will ask his staff to write the starting time on the remaining tickets; and Mr. Maino will emphasize the time during the radio announcements.

Mr. Polus will talk with Kathy Kocken to have coffee and/or lemonade provided. Chair Krueger will get donuts and/or cookies. Mr. Polus stated that he will review the set up of tables with Kathy Kocken as well when he and Mr. Haskins visit. After their visit, they will contact the members of the Subcommittee with an update. Mr. Bettine may also accompany Mr. Polus and Mr. Haskins.

**6. Report from John Maino, if available:**

Mr. Maino reported that he has received over \$1,000 in donations for the bus trip for the soldiers in the Tomah hospital. These soldiers will attend a Packer game on Saturday, August 15.

Mr. Maino is hoping to have shirts for the Subcommittee members before the Brown County Fair.

Mr. Maino offered to assist with refreshments. Mr. Polus will let Mr. Maino know if there is a need after Mr. Polus speaks with Kathy Kocken.

Chair Krueger will bring the items being sold and given away in the prize drawing. He asked about signs showing the prices of items being sold; Mr. Polus will obtain posters and will bill the Subcommittee for costs.

**7. Monthly Report from CVSO Jerry Polus:**

Mr. Polus said there were between 70 and 80 people in attendance at the Aging & Disability Resource Center monthly veterans program. He stated that the guest speaker was Bill Secor, MSW, who is the Team Leader for the Green Bay Veterans' Center that will be opening soon in Green Bay. The open house for this new facility is Monday, August 24, 2009, at 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Polus stated that there is a bus tour planned to Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin, on September 10, 2009. He stated that this continues to be a strong program for veterans.

Mr. Polus reported that over 100 proposals were submitted to the VA for the land for the new VA hospital in Brown County. He stated that the VA reduced this to 16-18 and is making on-site visits to these locations. Chair Krueger stated that the property proposed by Brown County "has fantastic pluses." Brown County has offered to build a Veterans' Memorial Park adjacent to the property along a trail system. He also pointed out that this property is close to housing, Aurora Hospital, and the belt-line, and views the Bay. Chair Krueger said Brown County will make a presentation tomorrow.

**8. Approve Dollar Amount to be Spent on the Brown County Fair:**

**A motion was made by Don Bettine and seconded by Sherry Steenbock to spend up to \$150.00 for items for Veterans' Day at the Fair. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Approve Amount to be Spent for Veteran Service Office Staff T-Shirts:**

**A motion was made by Don Bettine and seconded by Jim Haskins to spend up to \$300.00 for Veteran Service Office staff t-shirts. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. Report from Chair Jack Krueger:**

Chair Krueger reported that he has the tickets for the door prize drawings and asked Mr. Polus to also obtain a sign for "Veterans Door Prize Tickets Available Here."

**11. Report from Committee Members:**

Jim Haskins stated that he delivered Veterans' Day posters to the Fair Executive Board, as well as some tickets as samples for those persons collecting the tickets at the Fair Grounds gates. He expressed disappointment with the advertising by the Fair Board, because there was no reference to either Veterans' Day or the Navy Band. He said he put

posters up at Panera Bread and Golden Corral, and he will put a poster up at Applebee's. John Maino suggested the Rite Place.

Mr. Haskins read a newspaper article indicating that Wisconsin Governor Doyle signed two bills into law to formally recognize veterans for service in the Korean and Viet Nam wars; one bill named July 27 as Korea War Armistice Day, and the other named March 29 as Viet Nam Veterans' Day. Duane Pierce stated that those dates represent the dates those wars ended.

Mr. Haskins mentioned another article that stated: Support our Troops. Donate your Car to the Purple Heart and listed "purpleheartcars.org."

John Walschinski designed a drawing for Rolling Thunder and gave that to Duane Pierce.

Don Bettine stated that the Vet Center sent a mailing to the veterans' organizations.

Sherry Steenbock said she brought new certificates and said she would be out of town, so she won't be able to attend the Fair.

Duane Pierce said this Saturday there will be a day-long event in Suring in honor of Wisconsin's Fallen since 9-11. He said there will be two bands, food, raffles, and a motorcycle/car ride from Suring to Nichole Frye's grave site.

Mr. Pierce said on August 29<sup>th</sup> Rolling Thunder has been given the honor of presenting the Green Bay Packers with a POW flag for Lambeau Field; there will be a ceremony at 2:00 p.m. He asked that Subcommittee members attend and asked that John Maino publicize this event.

**12. Such other matters as authorized by law: None.**

**A motion was made by Jim Haskins and seconded by Sherry Steenbock to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next meeting September 8, 2009, at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alexander  
Recording Secretary